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ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS.

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(NOTE TO 507 CONTINUED)

* Issue of Francis³ Poythress, born 1668, and ———, his wife:

Son Robert,⁴ born 1690; married ———, had:

Peter,⁵ born 1715; married ———, had:

Peter,⁶ born 1732; married ———, had issue nine daughters, who married as follows: Bland Baird Cocke, Goode, Harrison, Lee, Morrison, Epes, Rubsamen, and one son:

Peter,⁷ married Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Richard Bland, of "Jordan's Point."

Issue of Peter,⁷ and Elizabeth (Bland) Poythress:

1. Agnes,⁸ married Roger Atkinson; 2. Mary,⁸ married John Batte; 3. Lucy,⁸ married John Epes; 4. Susannah,⁸ married Richard Bland; 5. Sarah,⁸ married first, Richard Lee; second, Willoughby Newton; 6. Elizabeth,⁸ married William Mayo; 7. Jane,⁸ married Joseph Mayo; 8. Anne,⁸ married John Randolph; 9. William,⁸ married first, ——— Bolling; second, Mrs. Marable, and had issue:

Elizabeth,⁹ who married Richard Marks.

(508) FRANCIS OSBORNE, 1,300 acres on Appomattox river, "bounding north on the river," west upon the land of Mr. William Farrar, and east on Charles City [1] now in the tenure of Captain Francis Epes. Due in right of his late father Jenkin Osborne, who transported twenty-six persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, July 14, 1637.

Mary Welch, William Burch, Thomas Alson, John Congley, Thomas Bateman, Thomas Tyler, George Purser, Thomas May, Richard Gally, Samuel Rumsby, Richard Aboe, Thomas Batye, William Waller, John Yeo, Joane Walters, John Tinwell, William Wright, Symon Trencher, William Lighthollier, Henry Ward, Thomas Lewis, William Austin, two negroes, one negro more, Jon. Chanell.

NOTE.

[1] Charles City was on the site of the present City Point, in Prince George county. Most of the land around it is owned by the family of the late Dr. Richard Eppes. This land has descended in the family

* Miss Laura Russell, of Petersburg, great-granddaughter of Mary⁸ Poythress, says this is a copy of what her aunt told her.

from the first proprietor, Captain Francis Epes, or Eppes, making an ownership of two hundred and sixty-two years, the oldest in Virginia, and probably the oldest in the United States.

(509) THOMAS CAUSEY [1], 500 acres in the county of Charles City, 300 of which begins at the mouth of the Appomattox, at the south side, bounded west upon a great creek, and east upon a small creek called Causey's Field Creek; and the other 200 beginning at the said Causey's Field Creek, and adjoining the land of Captain Francis Epes, and bounding west upon the said creek. Due for the transportation of ten persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, July 14, 1637.

William Maurice, Jon. Chambers, Daniel Field, Richard Boddicott, Jon. Craft, Robert King, Jon. Barber, Jon. Bridgers, Jon. Hodges, Lawrence Farburne.

NOTE.

[1] The land here granted was afterwards known as "Cawsons," and was a seat of the Blands. It is evident, from the grant that Charles City (or City Point) was not considered the mouth of the Appomattox, but that this was a short distance higher up where the river narrowed.

(510) RICHARD WARD, 100 acres in Varina, in the county of Henrico; bounded South West by Two Mile Creek, and on the South by the land now in the possession of John Barker, and extending East, North East to the Four Mile Creek. Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure and 50 by purchase from Bartholomew Farthing, and due Farthing for the transportation of a servant called Sarah Breman. Granted by Harvey July 14, 1637.

(511) ALICE EDLOE, 100 acres in the county of Henrico, two and a half miles above Harroe Attucks, towards the falls, on the same side with Harroe Attucks, in a swamp between the land of William Coxe [1] and the land already granted to the said Alice Edloe, containing 350 acres. Due for the transposition of two persons, John Williams and William Attaway. Granted by Harvey July 14, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] For a long time—into the present century, a family of Cox owned farms called "Arrowhattucks," on the north side of the River just above Dutch Gap, and "Newstead," on the same side, a short distance higher up.

(512) CAPTAIN HENRY BROWNE, [1] ESQ., of the Counsel of State; 2,250 acres in the county of James City, on the south side of James river, beginning at the half way tree. Due viz: 2,000 acres granted him by

order of Court December 12, 1634, upon the terms and conditions therein expressed; and 250 acres by purchase from Captain William Perry and Captain Thomas Osborne, overseers of the will of John Smith, who by said will, directed them to sell said land. Granted by Harvey July 14, 1637.

Head rights: Captain Henry Browne, Lance Bristoe, William Packett, Nico. [?] Nutt, Samuel Flood, Richard Edwards, Robert Jones, Samuel Burfoote, John Retsham, Mingo a negro, Samuel Swann, William Billbrough, Richard Powell, Stephen Browne, Ralph Wood, Alice Mills, David Warner, France a negro, Jon. a negro, two women negroes. These being transported at the charge of Captain Browne.

Mr. Thos. Hinton [2], Mrs. Ann Browne, Mr. Andrew Noyce, John Morecock, George Jordan, Amey Humphrey, William Berry, Haulford Stubbs (these in right of his wife); Richard Christmas, William Bow, Richard Makester, Henry Hart, William Westwood.

NOTES.

[1] This grant was "Four Mile Tree," long the well known seat of the family of Browne in Surry county. A lengthy note on this family, derived from the records of Surry was published in this Magazine III, 148-153. Some additional notes from records in regard to this family will be printed in a future number. They are not now accessible.

[2] Neill, in *Virginia Vetusta*, was mistaken in thinking that Sir Thomas Hinton was a member of the Virginia Council. Thomas Hinton, Esq., (as he is always described in the records) was a member in 1634-35, and was dismissed by Governor Harvey.

(513) LIEUTENANT RICHARD POPELEV [1], 700 acres in the Lower County of New Norfolk, on the Cheseapean shore, within the territory of Lynhaven, abutting northerly on the land of William Layton, and westerly on the river. Due in right of his marriage with Elizabeth, relict of Henry Sothell, and due said Sothell for the transportation of fourteen persons (names below). Granted by Harvey July 14, 1637.

Elias Light, Richard Light, William Layton, George Lentall, Willis Basnett, Jason Right, John Eves, Sarah Polmer, John Duncombe, Rowland Buckley, Thomas Heath, Ralph Simpkins, Hanna Waddington, Eliz. Alcutt.

NOTE.

[1] Richard Popely came to Virginia in the ship *Bona Nova*, 1620, and in January, 1624, was living at Elizabeth City. He was then aged twenty-six years.

(514) WILLIAM MILLS, 350 acres in the county of James City, on the south side of the river, bounded on the north by Smith's Fort. Due for

the transportation of seven persons (names below). Granted by Harvey July 19, 1637.

William Burges, William Godfrey, William Holliday, John Garrett, Robert Bateman, John Grange, Nicholas Aldey.

(515) JOHN GRAVES [1], 600 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, near the upper end of Back River, and adjoining the land of Captain Adam Thoroughgood, and extending on the eastward to the now dwelling house of Oliver Vankerke. Due by descent from his father, Thomas Graves, who transported Katherine Graves his wife, John Graves the patentee, Thomas Graves, Jr., and eight persons: Henry Singleton, Thomas Edge, Robert Phillips, Thomas Griggs, Thomas Phillips, Francis White, William Synbee, James Packett. Granted by Harvey August 9, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] Probably John Graves was son of Captain Thomas Graves, who was a Burgess in 1619, and 1632. See this Magazine II, 70.

(516) HENRY POOLE, Gent. [1] 150 acres in the Lower County of New Norfolk, in the Territorie of Lynhaven, adjoining the land lately belonging to Henry Burthurne, now in the possession of Lt. Richard Popely. Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure, and 100 acres for the transportation of two persons, Joseph Smith and James Cooke. Granted by Harvey, August 9th, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] Henry Poole was a member of the House of Burgesses for Elizabeth City county in 1647. See grant to Robert Poole and note, this Magazine, I, 440.

(517) LEONARD YEO [1]. 850 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, upon the head of a branch of the old Poquoson Creek, bounded on the south by the lands of George Hulland and John Laydon, north by the New Poquoson, and west by the ridge of land. Due for the transportation of sixteen persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, August 9, 1637.

Leonard Yeo, Richard Godley, John Moyes, Thomas Chapman, John Cole, Nathaniell Martin, Owen Noes and two negroes, Walter Bayne, Rolland Garrett, Nicholas Crouch, Thomas Lovell, John Spurway, Richard Stephens, John Oldis, John Cooper.[2]

NOTES.

[1] Leonard Yeo settled in Elizabeth City county, and was long a man of prominence there. In 1639, he was one of the viewers of tobacco appointed throughout the Colony. At the session of February, 1644-5, as "Capt. Yeo," he was a member of the House of Burgesses for Eliz-

abeth City county, and was again a member at sessions of September, 1663, and June and October, 1666.

In 1666 he was commander in chief of Elizabeth City county (*Robinson's Notes*), and in the next year held the same command while the hostile Dutch fleet was in Hampton Roads. He died in or before June, 1670, as there was at that time a suit in the General Court against Charles Moryson, who married the executrix of Colonel Yeo, deceased. This was Captain Charles Moryson, afterwards commander of Elizabeth City. After Moryson's death, his widow Rebecca, who had been the widow of Colonel Yeo, married Colonel John Lear, of the Virginia Council. The will of George Yeo, of Elizabeth City (probably a descendant of Colonel Leonard Yeo), was dated March 15, 1742, and proved April 20, 1743. He gives to his cousin George Arnold, merchant in London, certain tenements in the Burrow of Hatherly, commonly called by the name of Wadlands, and Finch Parks, gives him also the plate he brought from England; to cousin John Selden, 20*l*, all his law books, the *Whole Duty of Man*, *Sherlock on Providence*, *St. Augustine's Meditations*; to Joseph, son of cousin John Selden, his *Dictionary and Grammar*; to Elizabeth, daughter of said cousin Selden, one silver ribbon and a book entitled *The Master's Blessing*; to Robert Brough, son of William Brough, deceased, "*Owen's Epigrammes*, *Norvell's Catechism*, *Thomas Akempis in Latin and one in English*, *Sherlock on Judgm't and the five bishops and the doctors*;" various legacies of clothing, furniture and books to his wife's daughters Mary and Grace Selden, and to her granddaughters Agnes and Ann Howard and Mary Douglas; cousin George Arnold in Great Britain and cousin George Selden, of Virginia, executors.

Colonel Leonard Yeo had at least one brother in Virginia. On September 6, 1654, Robert Yeo was granted 650 acres in Westmoreland county. On October 11, 1656, Leonard Yeo, brother and administrator of Robert Yeo, made an assignment of this patent.

There were others of the name in the Colony. About 1649 Hugh Yeo appears as a merchant in Accomac and Northampton counties. In the records of Northampton, 1681, is a notice of Justinian Yeo, of Harton, in the parish of Hartland, in the county of Devon, England, brother of Hugh Yeo, of Virginia. The name reminds of Salvation Yeo, of "Westward Ho."

The *Western Antiquary*, a periodical published at Plymouth, Eng., gives some notices of the Devonshire Yeos. Leonard Yeo was M. P. for Totnes, 1555 and 1557-'58, and Mayor of Totnes 1558 and 1570. The Yeo family was connected with Totnes for some years, and in the church were formerly tombs of George and William Yeo. Westcote, in his *Devonshire families*, mentions the Yeos of Hatherliegh (see the will of George Yeo above). Rev. William Yeo, who was educated at Exe-

ter, Oxford and Cambridge, was in 1662, ejected from the parish of Wilborough under the act of uniformity.

[2] In the Virginia General Court, June 1670, John Cooper, son of John Cooper deceased, sued Charles Moryson as husband of the executrix of Colonel Yeo. This may have been the name spelled, generally, Cowper, but pronounced Cooper.

(519) WILLIAM PRIOR [1], gent., 600 acres in the county of Charles River, being a long sandy point to the northward of Queen's Creek [2], about four miles from the creek, bounded on the east by the main river. Due for the transportation of twelve persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, August 9, 1637.

Robert Fossett, Stephen Benn, Grace Amison, Abraham Keene, Walter Downes, Jon. Burch, Barnaby Barnes, Anthony Grimston, Thomas Wilkinson, William Peirce, Cornelius Swillivan, Thomas Attera.

This patent was surrendered and renewed in the name of Joseph Croshaw, by Sir John Harvey, Kt.

NOTES.

[1] William Prior, of Charles River (afterwards York) county, was J. P. for that county from 1633 to his death in 1646. For notice of him and an abstract of his will, see this Magazine, III, 184.

[2] Queen's Creek, still retaining the name, rises near Williamsburg, and flows into York river. It is navigable for small vessels to within a mile of the city, and shortly before the Revolution there was a plan, which met with legislative encouragement, to cut a canal from Queen's to Archer's Hope creek, which flows into the James.

(520) JOHN CHEW, gent., 700 acres in the county of Charles River [now York], bounded west by north, by the 500 acres formerly granted to him, August 1st, 1637, and north by east by the main river, east by south by the great bay [1]. Due for the transportation of fourteen persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, August 9, 1637.

William Winifret, George Goodwin, Thomas Tompkins, John Vaughan, Robert Parr, Christopher Evans, Ann Waterman, Arnall Freeze, Walter Hazleward, one negro woman, Jon. Chew, 1622, Jon. Chew, 1633 [the dates of two of his arrivals from England].

NOTE.

[1] This patent was doubtless at a place in the lower part of York county, which now stands on the maps as "Toos Point," a corruption of Chew's Point.